

Variation

be cheerful, not hot again; amiable, not too friendly; intimate with a very few and on good grounds.

How many think to atone for the evil they have done by the good they intend to do, and are only virtuous in the prospective.

Don't think about the coffee-and-cake saloons. You can't get any liquor at them; and the coffee is not strong enough to hurt anybody.

A Mrs. Hayden, of Sharon, Vt., has a peony root in her garden that is over eight years old. She has seen it blossom seventy consecutive years.

The wife of a man in Paw-Paw, Mich., who left home, threatening to commit suicide, will probably soon be discovered to have only been to her pa-pa.

Two young ladies in Michigan have done all the housework for their homes and supplied themselves with handsome new winter dresses by picking snuff.

If a man would keep both integrity and independence free from temptation, he would be a great asset. Dr. Franklin says, "It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright."

To read the superscriptions on coins: Lay your coins upon a piece of hot iron; the dates will be so visible as to be legible to the naked eye.

Seraphiniss is a Russian monk who latterly founded a society to which women were admitted on condition that they cut off their hair. The beautiful appropriateness of this will be perceived when it is stated that his brother was an enterprising hair-dresser.

Jonas was thrown into a state of wonder by the sign "ladies' felt slippers," which he did not understand. He saw shoe stores. He can't understand it. He says children felt slippers in his day often enough, but ladies generally were then, except when they were removed for cause.

A gentleman, while walking in his garden, taught his gardener asleep under a tree. He scolded him continually for his laziness, and ended by telling him such a sluggard was not worthy to enjoy the light of the sun. "It was for

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the third time hanging about the drawing room door—"Mary, what are you doing?—Mary, what are you doing?—Mary, what are you doing?" "You know what I am doing, Mary—Oh, if you please, sir, I don't mean to 'arm-it' that 'ev'ry music!" [N. B. The man was only tuning the piano!]

The *San Francisco Chronicle* declines to name the correspondent who asks to know where Cain got his gun. "Cain died some time before many of us were born, and such idle curiosity regarding the family affairs of a deceased person cannot be as sensible as the explanation related to offend the sanctities of domestic life."

We hear a good deal of an elastic currency, but nothing that seems to more than suggest the requirement than that the currency be made of rubber. As suggested by the *San Francisco Journal of Commerce*, which is at once simple and efficacious; it is this—print all the money on Japan rubber. No one would say as we should not then have an elastic currency.

presenting prizes to students of the Liverpool

ture in which he stated "novels to be the sermons of the present day, or, at least, the sermons of the future, which are listened to with the most rapt attention. They are the sermons in the hands of all—young and poor, rich and old.

The whaling fleet on the Western coast has had a successful season in the Northern Pacific, where there are about 100 vessels, and the catch of the last year. Thirty-three vessels have returned to San Francisco with 3550 barrels of oil, 100,000 pounds of baleen, and 10,250 pounds of ivory. The average take was 800 barrels of oil, 1000 pounds of baleen, and 800 pounds of ivory. The success or failure of whalers is largely dependent upon the season, and the extreme openness of the Northern seas during the summer months, and the abundance of the vessels, but enabled them to follow the whalers into the higher latitudes.

The reason why an assembly for dancing is called a ball is now believed to be found in an old German custom, long since abolished, which was that the guests were to make the following statement: "This custom consisted in the assembling in the villages during the Easter holidays, of all the marriageable males and females, who were to be made bride at those wedding they had danced, a beautifully ornamented ball. When this ball, after being borne on a gaily decorated pole in solemn procession, had been danced, the bride was sent to the young bride, she was thereby laid under obligation to furnish free music for the evening to all who might wish to dance. From this festival the word derived the expression 'to give a ball.'"

Persimmon coffee is much preferred to the burned bean variety, in Georgia. A gentleman of that State has taken out a patent for making it, and describes

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stank of water, and the seed are easily washed away, as their own specific gravity carries them to the bottom, and the seed are then dried in the sun, and should then be spread out in the sun to dry for three or four weeks, and then parched and ground similar to any other coffee—care being taken to have them parched sufficiently to grind easily. The seed of the *Coffea arabica* is a very small fruit is plenty, at a cost of two cents per pound, and if properly prepared are equal in all respects to good Java coffee."

The New Bedford *Mercury* tells the following curious tale of dormitory discipline. It occurred, if we remember correctly, in 1862. It was noticed by some sophomores that two country boys had begun their housekeeping in a room on the ground floor of one of the college buildings. They had a very good bed, but no carpet, no table, and only two chairs as the sum total of their outfit. It was learned, also, that they proposed to board themselves, and had only a few dollars in the pocket to carry them over the term. On this hint they acted. One night the poor, trembling youths were summoned by a "soph," who was not over-courteous, to go to a room upstairs. The upstairs they went, expecting to find a deal of military drill. They were instead treated an hour or so, not being molested, but only quizzed by one of the 'soph's in the room. Then they were dismissed to their own room, where they entered to find over a new carpet. There was a study table and bedstead and appendances, a study table, chairs, a lamp, a book-case, a stove, &c., and in a closet they found provisions for several days."